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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for West Creek Greenway in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Parma and the project is located at Watershed Stewardship Center to Grantwood Drive, Ohio, 44129.

The funding is designated to reduce the local share of a multi-modal path in the City of Parma and provide funding to build an additional phase of the path that is not currently on the STIP. The new trail would extend approximately 500' from the terminus of the existing All Purpose Trail (APT) at the Watershed Stewardship Center at West Creek Reservation along the western side of the facility's parking lot to W. Ridgewood Drive. As it stands, the new pedestrian bridge will span the roadway and land within the existing right of way on the north side. The APT will be constructed to extend the bridge to meet with an existing sidewalk about 800' to the east, which connects to a crosswalk to the main entrance of the reservation. The APT to the west will extend from the bridge to an existing gravel drive that will be upgraded into a combined trail and limited access roadway that will extend approximately 550' north. The APT would continue to travel approximately one quarter mile north alongside Parma's Shiloh Middle School to Grantwood Drive.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the environment, visitors to West Creek Reservation, and nearby residents. By providing alternatives beyond driving, emissions will be reduced leading to higher regional air quality and better overall public health. Many residents of the surrounding neighborhoods are economically disadvantaged seniors or children. When all phases are constructed, the city of Parma and surrounding communities will be connected to the West Creek Reservation, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and other green spaces. Schools, businesses, retail establishments, and civic assets will also be accessible with the implementation of the network.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Anthony Gonzalez  
Member of Congress  
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